

FORMER GERMAN EMPEROR IS PLANNING EARLY RETURN TO GERMANY TO RECLAIM THRONE WHEN REVOLUTION COLLAPSES

News Comes From Neutral Source That
the Revolution is Being Managed
by Officers of German High Com-
mand With a View to Failure

DISGUISED AS WORKMEN
ARE HARANGUING WORKMEN

Their Agents Are Furthering This Plot
by Spreading Anti-British Propagan-
da in Holland With Object of Embit-
tering the Dutch Against Allies

London, Nov. 29.—The former German emperor contemplates an early return to Germany to reclaim his throne, according to news received in London through a neutral source of high standing, says the Daily Mail.

The newspaper adds that the revolution in Germany is being managed by officers of the German high command with a view to eventually causing its collapse and the triumphant return of the former emperor to Berlin. Some of these forces in civilian clothes have been recognized in the streets of Berlin. Many of them are reported to be dressed as workmen.

These officers harangue the crowds and comrades in every way encourage the revolutionary movement. It is added, however, that if opportunity offers they will abandon this disguise, contend that the revolution is a failure, and begin a counter-revolution.

Agents of these officers, it is declared, are furthering this plot by spreading anti-British propaganda in Holland with the object of embittering the Dutch against the allies.

AUSTRIA LOST 4,000,000 KILLED AND WOUNDED

Of That Number 800,000 Were Killed, In-
cluding 17,000 Officers Says
Copenhagen Dispatch.

London, Nov. 29.—Austria-Hungary lost four million killed and wounded during the war, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Eight hundred thousand men were killed, including 17,000 officers.

MOONEY PROTEST AGAINST LIFE TERM

His Death Sentence Commuted By Gov.
Stephens, He Declares He Would
Rather Hang Than "Be Con-
demned to a Living
Grave."

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—The death sentence of Thomas J. Mooney, convicted of murder in connection with the bomb explosion which killed ten people here July 22, 1916, during a preparedness day parade, having been commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Stephens last night, no further legal steps can be invoked in Mooney's behalf, attorneys said to-day.

Mooney, who is an iron moulder by trade, will be removed from the death cell which he has occupied in San Quentin penitentiary since July 17 of this year, and given employment with other prisoners.

Governor Stephens had the case under consideration since last March, when the California supreme court affirmed Mooney's conviction and an application for a pardon was made.

HAS BEEN HEARD FROM.

Private Earl Towne Was Officially Re-
ported Missing.

Waterbury, Nov. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Towne, who reside on the Kneeland flat, believe that the official report to-day that their son, Private Earl Towne, is missing in action is incorrect. Some time ago they received a message that Private Towne was missing in action on Oct. 8. Later they received a letter from their son, stating that he was gassed on Oct. 8 and they have just received a letter, dated Nov. 3, in which he stated that he was recovering so fast that he was able to help about the hospital. He also added that his company didn't know where he was. That may account for the missing in action classification to-day.

MAY BE A LYNX.

Animal Shot by Redfield Hoar Causes
Comment.

An animal said by old hunters to resemble closely the Canadian lynx was killed on the Chelsea west hill Thanksgiving day by Redfield Proctor, young son of Atty. R. A. Hoar of East street. The boy dispatched the cat with one shot from a high-powered rifle, after being attracted to the locality by its scream. The trophy is on display at B. W. Hooker & Co.'s store, and around it has been created something of a controversy as to its identity. A few have described it as a catamount; others cling to the wildcat theory; but the best informed seem to agree that young Mr. Hoar shot a kitten of the Canadian lynx species.

A THANKSGIVING "SING."

Was Participated in By Large Number
of Barre People.

Four-minute speeches, vocal solos, instrumental music and chorus singing were interesting features of a patriotic gathering in the opera house Thursday afternoon, when an audience that comfortably filled, without taxing the theatre, came together in patriotic thanksgiving for the blessings which a victorious peace have bestowed upon America this year. Rev. J. B. Reardon, Rev. F. L. Goodspeed and Attorney William Wishart made brief addresses, each of them emphasizing the fact that in the midst of rejoicing thoughts must not turn wholly from the stern problems of reconstruction. Each in turn lauded the achievements of American fighting men overseas and besought for them a rousing welcome when they shall have returned to more peaceful pursuits.

The program conformed to an order of events recommended by the government in its appeal for community thanksgiving gatherings in every town. Many voices gave a wholesome ring to "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America," and some of the more familiar songs selected by the soloists. The audience joined heartily in singing the choruses, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," apparently never fails to strike a responsive chord. The verses were forcibly rendered by James Bennett, and repeated choruses contained quite as much of a tribute to the inspiration of his singing as to the popularity of the song that was first heard on the lips of British "Old Contemptibles" when they marched away to stem the Teuton hordes in 1914.

A part of the Spaulding orchestra played engagingly and the auditors were happy in applauding the remaining numbers. Mrs. W. M. Holden sang, "The Americans Come," Fred Ingalls, "The Long, Long Trail," "Keep Your Knees Till the Boys Come Home," by Miss Leone Reynolds, the youngest singer on the stage, was warmly commended. W. H. Goodfield directed the chorus singing and accompaniments were played by Mrs. J. B. Reardon and W. A. Wheaton.

MAJ. H. M. HOLBROOK DEAD.

Bethel Woman Gets Word of Death of
Her Son in U. S. Hospital.

Bethel, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Emma Holbrook received a telegram from New York this morning announcing the death of her son, Major H. M. Symmer Holbrook of the 55th regiment, coast artillery, who returned to this country from France on Nov. 10, since which time he has been in a hospital suffering from lung trouble. The cause of death was not stated in the telegram.

Major Holbrook left for France last April and after a period of study went to the front and was there for two months.

Major Holbrook was born in Boston Jan. 31, 1876, and was educated at Malden high school and Harvard law school. He practiced law in Boston, occupying the office of his father, the late Moses Holbrook, who died when the young man was still in law school. He was connected with the Massachusetts militia for nearly a score of years, holding the rank of major in the organization. He was commissioned a major in the U. S. army and was with his battalion at Fort Monroe and Fort Strong before embarking for overseas service.

Besides his mother, who has lived in Bethel most of the time since the death of her husband 13 years ago, he leaves his wife and three children who reside at Arlington, Mass. He was a nephew of Edson Holbrook of this place, and was well known here and in Randolph, where he had visited many times.

PLAN BEING MAPPED OUT.

Goose Green People Are Arranging for
Big "Bawl."

Flabbergasted by the reception which awaited their latest decision, citizens of Goose Green almost forgot to observe Thanksgiving yesterday, and instead of lingering around the so-called festive board, most of them are members of the committee in charge of the big husking bee and bawl in Howland hall next Wednesday evening were busily engaged in perfecting plans for the affair. Every cent goes to the City hospital, and in making their appeal for patronage, the Green people are stressing the fact that the cause is deserving of the success which they hope to achieve. Mystery veils the program for the entertainment that is to follow in the aftermath of the bawl, for just now all efforts are being centered on the first big feature of the Goose Green renaissance.

To-night in the court room at city hall there will be a general committee meeting, with no names mentioned, as every member has been served with a personal subpoena, and no excuses will be accepted. The announcement that a well known quarrier had bought 20 tickets, after vowing that all but one of them would be destroyed forthwith, caused unexpected commotion, and developments may be looked for before to-morrow.

SUGAR CERTIFICATES ABOLISHED.

After Dec. 1 By Order of Federal Food
Administration.

The certificate plan of the United States food administration for the distribution of sugar, which has been in force for several months, will be discontinued Dec. 1, according to a statement issued to-day from the office of Federal Food Administrator Frank H. Brooks in Montpelier.

The elimination of the certificate plan does not change the zoning restrictions as fixed by the sugar distribution board.

With the elimination of the certificate plan, manufacturers and dealers must limit their purchases to a 30-day supply from this date, although with the free arrival of Cuban raw sugar, which is expected between Jan. 1 and 15, the 30-day restriction will be automatically cancelled. Domestic consumers will be expected to observe the voluntary ration of four pounds a month. They public eating houses will be held to four pounds for each 90 meals served.

SEPARATE PEACE FOR BAVARIANS MAY BE LOSERS

Is Likely to Be Demanded as
Result of Break with
Berlin

BAVARIA MAY ASK
OWN REPRESENTATION

Action in Munich Is Treated
With Alarm in Ger-
many

Paris, Nov. 29 (Havas).—Bavaria probably will ask to have separate plenipotentiaries at the peace negotiations and will claim conditions of a separate peace, says the Matin in commenting on the action of Bavaria in breaking off relations with the government of Berlin.

Copenhagen, Nov. 29.—Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, has caused the arrest of a German courier on his way to Austria, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende. The courier's documents were seized.

Berlin, Nov. 29 (By the Associated Press).—Kurt Eisner is beginning to become a tremendous danger to Germany, says the Lokal Anzeiger in commenting upon the Bavarian premier in breaking off relations with the Berlin foreign office. A similar attitude is taken by the entire bourgeois press, and even the socialist Vorwarts does not believe that Eisner has "taken the right road to assure the unity of the empire and obtain better peace conditions."

The Berlin press in general condemns him as an obstinate, impractical dreamer. It is declared that Eisner was born in Galicia and that there is some doubt as to his German citizenship, and this is intensifying the opposition to him in some quarters.

London, Nov. 29.—The liberal party in Baden has issued a proclamation demanding a complete breach with Berlin, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

SAYS FRANK WILFORD WAS KILLED IN ACTION

Sergt. John Murray Also Writes That
Gordon Guy, Another Barre Boy,
Was Wounded, But Not
Badly.

Miss Katherine Murray of Windsor has received the following letter from her brother, Sergt. John Murray, Co. M, 102d U. S. Infantry, written Nov. 4:

"This is the first time that I had a chance to write to you for about 24 days. It is the longest time I ever went without writing to my people back home, but it was impossible for me to write during that time, in fact, I was not thinking about writing during that time. I had too much to do as it was."

"Well, I have come out alive and unscratched, of the biggest battle I have seen in my nine months of steady fighting. In fact, the rest of it was child's play beside what I have seen, and gone through since I wrote to you last. Well, Katie, you ought to be thankful that your brother is alive and able to write to you to-day, instead of lying in a hospital or dead on the field of battle like a good many of his dear friends are now."

"I have seen a lot of things since I wrote to you, but the last three weeks have taught me to think differently. There has been some kind of power with me during that time or I never would have come out of it alive and well as I did. That is all I shall say about it for the present, but I can say that hell holds no terrors for us fellows now. We have been through one of the hot places faded down to below zero since the one we had to face."

"Well, sis, things are looking hopeful at present, but you people back home must not think that the battle is over with. I have learned by experience that the nearer I home you drive the Huns the harder they fight, but now, with Turkey and Austria out of it, we shall make quick work of this job and finish it on record time."

"I may tell you that Gordon Guy was wounded, but not badly. He will be all right. Young Frank Wilford was killed in action. He never knew what hit him. I don't know where his brother, who used to be in my corps, is now. All that I know about him is that he is behind the lines somewhere."

"Well, Katie, if I ever get home, I shall tell you about my experiences, but till then I am not going to waste good paper with details of them. I suppose you will be glad to hear that I had another promotion. I was made sergeant to-day. It is quite a responsible job while in the trenches, but a cinch while back of the lines, and it also carries a little more money. I get \$44 a month now, besides my state money, which is not bad for a soldier. Some difference from the time I used to be a soldier in the British army for \$1 or \$1.25 a week."

"How is father getting along? I hope he is gaining fast. Tell him that I want to know what he thinks of how things are going over here. Who reads the papers to him now? Tell him that I have seen a good many of the places that I used to read about when he and I used to sit at the table by the big stove and read the war news."

"I got your letter that was written on Oct. 3 and a few lines from —"

"I am sorry to hear that so many are dying with the Spanish influenza back home. We ought to be thankful that our mighty army over here is not troubled by that sickness. I think it would go hard with our boys over here if they ever got it."

"Mack McLevy promised to send me

VICTORY IN WAR CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

Rev. B. G. Lipsky Outlined the Reasons
Why the American People Should
Give Thanks at This
Time.

With the largest attendance for several years, a union Thanksgiving service was held at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening. The sermon of the occasion was given by Rev. B. G. Lipsky of the Methodist church, other pastors taking part being Dr. F. L. Goodspeed, who read the scripture and led in prayer, Rev. J. B. Reardon, who read the Thanksgiving proclamation of President Wilson, and Rev. Edgar Crossland, who presided at the meeting. A large choir led the singing and William Steward sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning," John C. Morrison, Jr., playing a violin obligato. The offering for the evening was for the benefit of the City hospital and amounted to \$14.64.

Mr. Lipsky's sermon was thoroughly enjoyed and is reprinted below:

"Text, Psalm 81:15-16, 'Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. In Thy name do they rejoice all the day long and in Thy righteousness are they exalted.'"

"This is, indeed, a day for rejoicing. The nation has never had greater occasion for thanksgiving. The abundance in our storehouse was never more fully realized than when we were able to save our allies from great material deprivation, if not military defeat, by the most successful sacrifices of food. It is a profound reason for gratitude that with wonderful unity of spirit the whole nation submitted to every demand for conservation. The sweeping of all classes of women into Red Cross work, the almost universal support of the nation in its money raising, the unflinching response to the call to support the Y. M. C. A., the K. of C. and the Salvation Army are clear demonstrations of perfect civilian morale, for which we have profound reasons for gratitude."

"But a still more profound reason for rejoicing is the enthusiasm and abandon with which our young men have given themselves to their country in the time of its need. The flower of our youth has gone forth, with heroic courage, to endure the horrors of a hell more terrible than Dante ever pictured. As Christian crusaders they went with smiles on their faces and songs on their lips. As the protectors of women and innocent children, as the defenders of humanity they swarmed across the perilous sea and over the top to drive the demon Hun back whence he came."

"If we had any fear that democracy and peace had bred cowards, that fear has been forever dispelled. The enthusiasm, the initiative and the determination of our inexperienced troops have been a perfect marvel to our allies. We know their coming thrilled the exhausted forces of Britain and France and sent them forth again as in the beginning of the war to strike the smashing blows that crumbled the Hindenburg line, and sent the Huns to inevitable and complete surrender."

"Moreover, our hearts go out to God in praise and thanksgiving that such leaders, both civil and military, have been given us."

"Wilson has proven himself a world leader by his lofty idealism, by his clear-cut presentation of the cause of the war, and by his decisive demand that the principles, necessary to a just and righteous peace, shall be incorporated into the peace treaty."

"Lloyd George, who came up from the common walks, answers to the aspirations of the oppressed peoples, not only of France, but of the other nations of the earth."

"Clemenceau, the loved hero of the whole French nation, a man of action and not of words, from youth actively engaged in every effort to uplift the French people, has certainly proved to be a man for the hour. It was he who declared at the Versailles conference, when the occasion would have suggested an extended speech, 'Here we are for work; let us work.'"

"These leaders give us confidence that a righteous and just peace shall reward the terrible sacrifice of our beloved soldiers."

"And have we not been graciously favored in the type of allied military leadership? No larger comfort has come to the mothers of our boys than that from the sense of moral security for our soldiers that General Pershing has fostered. How gratefully we are that Marshal Foch has so largely fulfilled the hopes anchored in him. His whole record warrants it. We all remember these terrible days at the beginning of the war when the Huns were making their mad rush for the English channel. At the battle of Ypres the British were being pressed so sorely that they were considering the necessity for retreat. But at 2 o'clock in the morning of Nov. 1, when General Foch met with the British commander and heard the suggestion for British retirement, then there the character of the marshal was splendidly revealed and in machine gun sentences he poured forth his remonstrance: 'The Germans have 16 corps. We have only 10 with yours. If you retire I shall remain. Remain. The British army never drew back in all its history. For myself, I give you my word as a soldier that I will die rather than retreat. Give me yours!' General French stepped forward and gave his hand, pledging that the British army would stand alone, and the doom of the Germans at Ypres was sealed in that hour. It was also Foch who said, 'A battle won is a battle in which one will admit oneself vanquished. A battle lost is a battle which one believes to be lost, for battles are not lost materially. My friends, it is therefore true that battles are won morally.'"

"It is this fundamental reliance upon moral forces that has achieved our victory for human freedom."

"Moreover, we have a profound reason for gratitude that the issue was so clear cut between autocracy and democracy. The Kaiser staked his all on this world war and because he scorned the world of democracy he doomed himself and his military class to utter defeat. We rejoice that the spiritual issue has been so clear. At the beginning of the war, not only Germany, but many in the allied countries cried, 'Where now is thy God? Christianity is a failure.' And the world has replied, 'If Christianity has failed, how do you account for the heroic and victorious struggle of France? If Christianity is failed, why did England in 1914 sacrifice her entire regular army of 160,000 in an almost futile attempt to stave off the flood of Huns in France? How do you account for the marvelous spiritual unity of the British empire? Why did the whole English world repudiate the boasted Prussian claim that might makes right? And to-day that boasted superior nation is a groveling suppliant seeking mercy from nations it once held decadent. It has been a consciously conceived conflict between paganism and Christianity. It has been a fight between the superman and the Son of Man. The white Christ has been the glory and comfort of the allied trenches. It is for us to dedicate ourselves to the task that they have thus far so nobly carried on."

FAR FROM DEAD, SOLDIER WRITES

Private Wallace LaFayette
Denies Official Word
from Washington

SAME MAIL BROUGHT
DEATH CERTIFICATE

It Is Supposed That He Was
Severely Wounded and
Has Been in Hospital

Mourning as dead since Aug. 21 when official notification came from the war department that he had been killed in action, Private Wallace LaFayette of Barre, a member of Company A, 47th infantry, has written his aunt, Mrs. Celia LaFayette of Washington street, that he is very much alive in a convalescent hospital. His letter was dated Nov. 3 and was received this morning. Curiously enough, the same mail brought the official certificate of Private LaFayette's death from the war department, stating that he "died with honor in the service of his country on the 31st day of July, 1918." The latter document was dated Nov. 21.

The sorrow in the LaFayette family was turned to rejoicing by the receipt of the letter and the feeling was not changed by the certificate of death. It is presumed from the contents of Private LaFayette's letter that he was wounded and has been in a hospital all the time since the 31st day of July. Mistakes in classification of the casualties of the American army have been made, and it is supposed that Private LaFayette figured as the principal in one of those mistakes.

Official notification of the man's death, which was received Aug. 21, naturally stopped the writing of letters by his relatives, and this lapse is the one thing which Private LaFayette complained of in his missive received to-day. He says: "I have not received a letter from home for a long time and I hear you got a telegram that I was killed in action; but I'm not dead and am having a good time getting fat on the cooking in a convalescent camp and I like it, and how is Esther and how is uncle and aunt?"

The letter continues: "We will all be home soon and Wallace is the old boy."

"We will be home soon and you can bet I'm going to have a — of a time, and that will be soon."

"Well, aunt, this will be all for this time and will write more next time. Good night and be good till I get home soon."

The letter was signed by "Wallace LaFayette, Convalescent Camp, A. D. P. 780, A. E. F."

PVT. JOHN COBURN DIED OF WOUNDS

Barre Boy Was Wounded Aug. 20 and
He Lingered Until Oct. 8—His Mother
Received Notification from the
War Department.

Private John Coburn, late of E company, 308th infantry, died of wounds in a base hospital in France Oct. 8, according to a telegram received from the war department by his mother, Mrs. E. Coburn, Wednesday evening. The message confirmed the mother's fears that all was not well with her son, for as late as Oct. 8 she received a letter from a Red Cross nurse saying that the young man still was unconscious. Earlier a nurse's letter, dated Aug. 20, and received here Sept. 11, informed Mrs. Coburn that her son had been severely wounded and that he was about to be moved to a base hospital. Afterward when the official telegram came, it said that his wounds were incurred on that day, Aug. 20.

The deceased leaves his mother, Mrs. Alexander Coburn, and his sister, Miss Maude E. Coburn, who reside at 8 Orange street. His father, a former Barre granite manufacturer, died 10 days ago, after a long illness. Private Coburn was 29 years old and a native of this city. He was employed in Pequabuck, Conn., when the call to the colors came late last February. After a stay of two weeks in Camp Devens, he was transferred to Camp Upton, whence he left with the 308th regiment for overseas duty in the spring. Private Coburn was a young man of unusual promise and the news that he made the final sacrifice, coming in a season of thanksgiving, has brought a deeper sorrow to his acquaintances in Barre.

LYNDONVILLE MAN KILLED BY HIS OWN GUN

Alard Worall Slipped While Carrying the
Weapon and the Charge Blew Off
Part of His Head.

St. Johnsbury, Nov. 29.—Alard Worall, 30, of Lyndonville, was killed yesterday afternoon by the accidental discharge of his shotgun. Returning home after a Thanksgiving dinner at a friend's and on the lookout for game, the man stopped at a sugar house. According to a small boy who accompanied him, the hunter slipped as he entered the house and the trigger was released. The shot entered the man's ear, taking off part of his head. He lived about an hour.

Mr. Worall was employed in the Boston & Maine car shops. He leaves a wife and one sister. The accident happened on a farm owned by the state agricultural school.

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